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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 20 October 2000, please amend the application as follows:

## Please Amend the Claims as Follows:

6. (Twice Amended) A [In a] pharmaceutical [Pharmaceutical preparation, characterized in that it contains] composition, [the improvement wherein said composition] comprising at least one compound [of the formula I] according to Claim 1 [and /or one of its physiological salts], and at least one excipient suitable for sustained administration, parenteral administration, topical application, or administration by inhalation spray.

Please add the following new claim:

--20. Compounds of the formula:

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